

The Story of An Hour

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I. READING COMPREHENSION

- a) What news did they bring to Mrs. Mallard and why were they very careful before telling her?

- b) What was Mrs. Mallard's first reaction when she heard the news?

- c) How did Mrs. Mallard react when she entered the room?

- d) How did she feel about the days to come and the rest of her life?

- e) What happened after Brently Mallard entered the house? Why were they surprised?

II. VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Look up these words in the dictionary and complete the chart below.

WORD	ENGLISH DEFINITION	EXAMPLE FROM TEXT	OWN EXAMPLE
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approaching			
aquiver			
enabled			
impose			
intelligence			
persistence			
significance			

III. CRITICAL THINKING

- a) Do you think that Mrs. Mallard was “making herself ill” in the room or was she feeling something else? How do you know?

- b) In what way does Mrs. Mallard feel victorious and free? Why?

- c) The author describes a wide range of emotions throughout the story. In the end, what do you think really killed Louisa?

- d) What views of marriage does the story present? Do you think that it can still represent attitudes about marriage today?